HIST 471 – Fall Semester 2021
T Th 6-7:30 pm
Course Syllabus

Dr. Turner
Caribbean Migration since the late 18th century

Course Description:

In this course, students examine Caribbean migration since the 18th century. An historical review identifies significant migration episodes to, from and within the Caribbean. Especially for the 20th century, the aim is to appreciate not only the impact of high immigration on a receiving society, but the net effects of high emigration on the sending societies as well.

Course Objectives:

1. Review and discuss significant Caribbean migration episodes since the late 18th century
2. Evaluate the impact of high rates of migration on sending and receiving societies
3. Evaluate major themes in Caribbean migration using primary, secondary and online resources

What is 'Migration'?

What is the meaning of this word?

What is the meaning of the word 'Immigrate'?

What is the meaning of the word 'Emigrate'?

What is the difference, if any, between these two words?

Earlier Caribbean Migrations

Past European affiliations for islands in the Caribbean and surrounding regions of Central and South America.

Assignment 1 – Caribbean Map Identifications – Assignment due by Tuesday, 14 September

19th century Caribbean Migrations

Identify major migrations within the region

What events motivated these migrations

Eyes on The Bahamas – Migrations to and within The Bahamas

Assignment 2 – 19th Century Caribbean Labour Migrations – Due by Thursday, 30 September.

20th century Caribbean Migrations

West Indies/ British Territories:- Panama Canal; US Guest Worker Program; Other Opportunities

Haiti:- What motivated so many Haitians to leave their country?

Cuba:- What caused so many Cubans to leave their country?

The Bahamas:- Impact of these migrations

Research Paper Topic – Students will briefly (5 minutes or less) explain their paper topic to the class – Tuesday, 5 and Thursday, 7 October 2021. Please note that students will need to select one of these dates on which to present.

Mid-Semester Break – Thursday, 14 October 2021

Responses of 'Receiving Societies' to Managing Increased Migration; Irregular/ Undocumented Immigration

Public Policies on immigration – cases of The Bahamas and the U.S.

Constitutional and legislative changes to determine citizenship, voting rights

Impact on basic services – health care, education, government services – Is there a tax for that?

Assignment 3 – 20th Century Caribbean Labour Migrations - Due Thursday, 28 October 2021.

Net Impact of Emigration on the Caribbean

Demographic Changes

Movement of Labour and 'Brain Drain'

Remittances

Political Development

Assignment 4 – A Review – Due by Tuesday, 16 November 2021.

A Legacy of Migration

Continuity and Change

Cultural Transformation

Issues of class, race, gender, ethnicity, national and/cultural identity

Globalization and Migration

Research Paper:

The main assignment for this course is a research paper. Students are to select a paper topic related to migration from or to the Caribbean. The paper topic can be focused on a particular Caribbean Island, a specific migration time or event. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or concerns you may have in selecting a topic. Students will develop the research paper over the course of the semester.

Class Presentations will be scheduled for the last 4 class sessions – November 23, 25, 30 and December 2. Students will need to select a preferred date to present.

Completed research papers are due on Moodle by Wednesday, 8 December 2021.

Course Assessment

Assignments (4 x 15%)	-	60%
Class Presentations	-	10%
Research Paper	-	30%
Total	-	100%